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Group I claims 1 to 11 drawn to non-naturally
 occurring compounds, classified in class 530,
 and
Group II claims 12 to 23 drawn to non-naturally
 occurring compounds, classified in class 514,
 for example, subclass depending on the
 structure of the elected specie.

Applicants' note that claims 24 to 26 have not been designated to either Group I or II.

Applicants elect with traverse the invention of Group I drawn to non-naturally occurring compounds. In response to the specie election requirement, Applicants elect the compound "Ac-pAph-Chg-Pal(3)-Me-NH₂", which is in claim 11 (page 115, line 19). The structure of the elected specie is also covered generically by claims 1, 2, and 3.

With regards to the traverse, Applicants respectfully contend that the claims of Group I can be searched and examined with the claims of Group II without undue burden. The claims of Group I and II differ only in whether m is 1 (Group I) or m is 0 (Group II). Only the carboxy or "right hand" portion of the compound is altered by the designation of m. In addition, the claims of Group I and II are directed to the same use, i.e., specifically inhibiting the activity of Factor Xa. As such, Applicants' respectfully submit that the claims of Group I and Group II can be searched and examined together without undue burden to the Examiner.

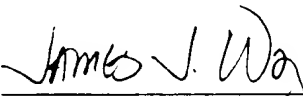
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CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the elected claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request a notice to this effect. Should the Examiner have any questions, he/she is invited to call Cathryn Campbell or the undersigned attorney.

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